

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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SEVERE WEATHER ALERT & REPORTING STORM-RELATED ISSUES Free Self-Fill Sandbags & Overnight Warming Zones

STOCKTON, Calif. – Severe weather conditions are expected beginning Thursday, including heavy rains and cold temperatures. City crews are monitoring conditions and available to respond to storm-related issues, such as localized street flooding, downed trees and limbs in the public right-of-way, and malfunctioning streetlights and street signals. For storm updates, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/storm.

Reporting Storm Issues

Report storm-related issues by calling the Municipal Service Center at (209) 937-8341. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. Report Power Outages or check the status of power in your neighborhood at <u>PG&E Outage Center</u> - or call 1-800-PGE-5000.

Sandbags for Stockton Residents

Localized street and neighborhood flooding may occur. Free sandbags are available for Stockton residents at two locations. Bags and sand are self-fill, self-service. Bring your own shovel.

- Oak Park Little League parking lot 3545 Alvarado Ave., 95204
- (Former) Van Buskirk Golf Course 1740 Houston Ave., 95206 (@ S. Fresno Ave.)

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Warming Zones

Beginning Thursday, March 9, 2023, the City of Stockton will open Warming Zones for overnight protection from anticipated severe weather conditions. Warming Zones are scheduled to remain open through the night of Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, with check-out the morning of Sunday, March 12, 2023. Check-in begins at 8:00 p.m., and check-out is by 7:00 a.m.:

- Arnold Rue Community Center 5758 Lorraine Avenue, 95210
- Stribley Community Center 1760 E. Sonora St., Stockton, CA 95205
 Overnight resting space will be offered in gymnasiums or community room areas,
 which are heated, restrooms will be open, and water and snacks will be provided.
 Availability may change based on weather conditions, needs, and usage.

Warming Zones are open to anyone who may be without adequate heat or protection from weather conditions. Warming Zones do not provide full shelter services, such as meals and medical care. Those who need these services are encouraged to access shelters. Please call 2-1-1 or contact the shelters directly for sign-up or check-in times and availability.

- Gospel Center Rescue Mission (men & women) 445 S. San Joaquin St., 95203
 - o (209) 466-2138 or <u>www.gcrms.org</u>
- Stockton Shelter for the Homeless (men & women) 411 S. Harrison St., 95203
 - o (209) 465-3612 or www.stocktonshelter.org

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For Warming Zones or shelter information in other areas of San Joaquin County, please call 2-1-1 or visit the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services website at www.sjready.org.

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